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(57) Abstract: The invention provides isolated nucleic acid and amino acid sequences of HsKip3, antibodies to HsKip3, methods of screening for HsKip3a modulators using biologically active HsKip3, and kits for screening for HsKip3a modulators.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
STN - MEDICINE: HsKif17, kinesin, microtubule-stimulated ATPase, motor domain, inhibitor.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	SAKOWICZ, R, et al. A marine natural product inhibitor of kinesin motors. Science, 10 April 1998, Vol. 280, pp. 292-295; see entire document.	17
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Y		
X	TUCKER, C, et al. Probing the kinesin-microtubule interaction. Journal of Biological Chemistry, 04 April 1997, Vol. 272, No. 14, pp. 9481-9488; see entire document.	17
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A	HIROKAWA, N. Kinesin and dynein superfamily proteins and the mechanism of organelle transport. Science, 23 January 1998, Vol. 279, pp. 519-526.	1-18
X	DATABASE GenBank, Accession No. BG420786, Unpublished, NIH-MGC	18
—	http://mgc.nci.nih.gov/. 1999; polynucleotide sequence comprises a sequence that is greater than 60% identical to SEQ ID NO: 1.	1, 2, and 4-18
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X	DATABASE GenBank, Accession No. AW154058, Unpublished, Sugano, S, et al. 1999; cloned polynucleotide sequence encodes a kinesin that has an amino acid sequence that is 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2.	1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 18
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-16 and 18, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, an expression vector comprising said nucleic acid molecule, a host cell transfected with said vector, a protein encoded by said nucleic acid molecule, and a method for screening modulators of the protein encoded by said nucleic acid molecule.

Group II, claim(s) 17, drawn to a compound that modulates the protein encoded by said nucleic acid molecule.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The special technical feature of Group I is an isolated nucleic acid molecule.

The special technical feature of Group II is a compound that modulates a protein.

Accordingly, Groups I and II are not linked by the same or corresponding special technical feature so as to form a single general inventive concept. Furthermore, PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2 do not provide for an invention directed to claims drawn to more than first claimed product, more than the first claimed method for producing the product, or more than the first claimed method for using the product.